



## North Carolina Board of Conservation and Development

Functions performed in many states by a State Chamber of Commerce are the responsibility in North Carolina of the Department of Conservation and Development, the only agency engaged in development of certain natural resources and promotion of industry on a state-wide basis. The Department works closely with chambers of commerce in cities and with public utilities and industrial organizations.

The board of 15 members was appointed by Governor Umstead and took office in July, 1953, posing for the official picture, above, at its first meeting.

Left to right: Cecil Morris, merchant, Atlantic; Henry Rankin, Jr., plywood manufacturer, Fayetteville; Charles S. Allen, banker and insurance executive, Durham; Miles J. Smith, manufacturer, Salisbury; Eric W. Rodgers, editor and publisher, Scotland Neck; Charles H. Jenkins, business executive, Ahoskie; Governor William B. Umstead; Scroop W. Enloe, Jr., mineral production executive, Spruce Pine; Ben E. Douglas, Director Dept. C. & D.; Amos R. Kearns, textile executive, High Point; W. B. Austin, attorney, Jefferson; W. J. Damtoft, paper manufacturing executive; T. Max Watson, textile executive, Spindale; Leo H. Harvey, capitalist, Kinston; Carl Buchan, Jr., mercantile executive, North Wilkesboro; Robert M. Hanes, banker, Winston-Salem, and Hugh Morton, realtor, Wilmington.

### Services to Industry

Specific information about buildings and sites available to industry and about community cooperation projects are a part of the individualized service of the Department of Conservation and Development. Just ask the Director, Ben E. Douglas, for what you want. His telephone is Raleigh 4-3611, Extension 7394. A booklet on Community Development may also be had for the asking.

**INSIDE BACK COVER**—The Great Smoky Mountains National Park at its junction with the Blue Ridge Parkway in the Cherokee Indian Boundary near Soco Gap, where U. S. 19 gives access to the mile high link of the Parkway, the only one completed west of Asheville.

**BACK COVER**—Unlike any other highway in the world, the Blue Ridge Parkway skims mountain tops and burrows through tunnels for over 400 miles to join, with connecting U. S. Highway links, the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in North Carolina with the older Skyline Drive in the Shenandoah National Park of Virginia. (Color photographs by Hugh Morton, Gus Martin and Sebastian Sommer.)

